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Lest We Forget

The Story Of Philip Wagner, One Of Frank Oliver's Political Pets

A good deal of nonsense is talked and written about the political purity of the Minister of the Interior and the excuse is advanced that Minister cannot always know of the crookedness of those they employ, We emphatically deny this. The Minister and the Minister alone is responsible The moral turpitude of a Minister may be accurately guaged by the tools he employs. The Hon. Frank Oliver must be judged by the characters of Wagner and Marshall. The following article from the Red Deer News gives a full and detailed account of theWagner episode. Every man in the country must bear in mind that this is no by-gone story for at the coming general election Oliver will again use Wagner to corrupt the Galicians electorate. We do not wonder that the whole corrupt gang are regarded with growing nausea by all honest men.

"A sample of the class of men appointed by the Laurier Government to fill public offices may be found in the case of Philip Wagner, of Edmonton, Alberta. Mr. Wagner knows enough of the languages of Central Europe to act as interpreter for the Galicians and others. He is also considerable of an election crook. He ably helped to bring in the Laurier Government in 1896 and was drawing money from the interpreter and also on contracts secured for him by Mr. Oliver, who was then a plain M.P.

In October 1899 Mr. Wagner was charged with misappropriating money entrusted to him by a Galician named Warenka to pay freight charges to the C. P. R. He could not be induced to give up the money, and a complaint was sent to Ottawa, where the money was refunded, but could never be secured back from Wagner, although he has since been almost always in the pay of the government.

Two other charges of embezzlement were laid against Wagner by men Lacuate and Chutsawek and he was tried, but not convicted, although the amobut in all was nearly $900. In the very face of this Mr. Oliver, still plain M.P., urged that Wagner's salary as interpreter be raised.

Immediately after this raise Wagner was again arrested on two more charges of fraud laid by a Galician named Aronetz, and sentenced to two months at hard labor on one charge and three on the other.

The Department of the Interior had previously suspended Wagner but on Mr. Oliver's influence as grit member for the constituency, paid his salary until the time of his conviction But to make sure of his dismissal this time a special letter was written to J. Obed Smith, the commissioner. Even after this Wagnercl claimed he had not been notified, and he was still furrther paid his salary. He got out of prison about the end of 1901, and renewed his activities as a politician heeler for the Liberals.

In April 1905, Mr. Olider became Minister of the Interior, and one of his first acts was to re-appoint Philip Wagner as interpreter, in spite of all the Galicians and their missionaries, and at an increased salary from $25 to $75 per month. He also appointed Wagner assistant immigration agent at Edmonton at $25 a month, making this ex-convict's salary $1,200 at the same job where he had perpetrated his frauds.

Mr. Lake, M. P. protested in parliament. He moved that men like Wagner who were once holders should not be permitted to act as election crooks at the same time.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier put on a sanctimonious face and accepted the motion, far enough He thought Provincial officials should also be restrained from meddling in elections.

Of course Wagner paid no attention to this. He was provided with plenty of money and carried on the election work as usual. In November of the same year there was a local election to select members for the new Provincial legislatures, and Wagner was more active than ever Affidavits were read in parliament showing this. Jacob Baronotki, a boarding house keeper swore that Wagner hired him to work for the Liberal candidate in Edmonton and paid him for his time. He also received payment for two barrels of beer which he bought to prime the Galicians for voting day.

Two other Galicians named Ferby and Chuduluk also sent affidavits to Ottawa showing that Wagner had paid them for working for the Grit candidates, also for barrels of beer. In no case was less than two barrels bought at once.

The affidavits were forwarded to Hon. Mr. Oliver, Minister of the Interior, but he took no action. Then Mr. Foster, M.P. brought the matter up in the House of Commons. He enquired in a formal way if the government was aware that Philip Wagner an ex-convict, was being still employed in the same capacity where he had perpetrated his crimes. What was Mr. Oliver's answer? It was that there was no conviction registered in the Dept. of the Interior, but the convictions were registered in the Dept. of Justice. Mr. Oliver's answer was a mean subterfuge. It was a deliberate attempt to deceive the House of Commons.

This equivocation on the part of Mr Oliver quieted the scandal for about a month, but wold came to Ottaw from the west to look further into the matter, so Mr. Fowler M.P. took it up. Messrs Lake and Foster M.P.'s had failed to nail the thing down to the Dominion Treasury being robbed to support their ex-convict Wagner in a fat office as a reward for election crookedness, so Mr. Fowler M. P. moved in the House of Commons as follows:

"That in the opinion of thisHouse the said Philip Wagner should be forthwith dismissed.

What stand did the Liberal Government and their supporters take on this motion? Every fact detailed above was brought out in the discussion, but Sir Wilfrid Laurier and every member of his cabinet in the House, and every supporter of his government in sight stood up and recorded their votes to retain Philip Wagner in the public service and still pay him from the people's money to fill an office which he had disgraced icians and his crimes against the el- and to continue his frauds on the Galection law, although his case had called for a motion in parliament forbidding officials to meddle in elections

Some people forgive governments when crookedness is done in their behalf by supporters. It is allowed that at election time men will go beyond the limits on their own hooks. In Wagner's case Hon. Mr. Oliver appeared to have known all his misconduct for at least 13 years past, and to have been his backer all the while. No matter what Wagner did Oliver stood over him and got his pay increased. When he was dismissed Oliver kept his pay going and when Oliver got in he tripled his salary. When caught at it Oliver tried to lie and deceived the House. Finally every Liberal in parliament from Sir Wilfrid Laurier down placed themselves on record as endorsing Wagner and all his misconduct.

QUICK PASSAGE.

London, March 14.—The Mauretania arrived at Queenstown at 4.14 yesterday afternoon, breaking the eastbound record for covering a distance of 2,- 932 miles in five days and five minutes and averaging 24.42 knots per hour.

HOCKEY

PRINTERS vs. PAINTERS

It is sad but nevertheless too true that the painters succeeded in administering a defeat to the printers on Saturday night, the first they have ever experienced at the hands of Strathcona tradesmen. The painters being very handy with brushes intended to administer a whitewash but were unsuccessful, the score being 4 to 1. But although the printers did get the small end of the scoring there was no margin in the playing and had it not been for the good work of both goal-keepers the scores on both sides would have been larger. The game throughout was really fast and off-sides and penalties were frequent. The first half the painters worked hard and were successful in securing three goals to the printers lonely tally.

During the second half the printers realizing thegravity of the situation played a much more aggressive game and held their brush artists down to one goal, making the score 4 - 1. For the printers Newman and Parsons were the most conspicious and Lynn and Humestone for the painters.

The line-up was as follows:—

Painters		Printers
H. Dunn	goal	L. Flemming
R. Ellis	point	C. Flavin
S. Humestone	cover	H. Newman
R. Lynn	rover	H. Frame
S. Judge	centre	A. Davison
F. Newman	left	J. Sutherland
F. Crumb	right	J. Parsons

Referee: W. Ellis

Judges of play: J. Brown.

The printers challenge the painters to another hockey match on Wednesday evening with their referee.

WANDERERS WIN ANOTHER STANLEY CUP GAME

Montreal, March 15.— The Wanderers had a close call in a sudden-death game last night with Toronto for the Stanley cup. The Ontario team was considered a formidable challenger, but it proved a big surprise. The score stood 6 to 4. During the play Toronto led twice and tied the score three times. Not until twelve minutes before the end did the Wanderers get the winning goal and with two minutes to play the wanderers led by only one. The game was played on a sheet of ice covered with water, on which the slow man was as good as the fast one. To reach the cage the players had to wade through water and scoring was difficult, particularly for the Wanderers in the second half, when the Toronto cage was protected by a miniature lake. How difficult it was to score is indicated by the fact that Toronto at one stage,with three men on the fence, prevented the Wanderers fall team from scoring, and later the cupholders held the challengers off under the same conditions. At popular prices, 3,000 witnessed the game. At half time the score stood 1 to 1, but the Wanderers took the lead in the first half minute of the second half, Glass scoring with two of the Toronto men on the fence. Three and a half minutes later, Toronto led. The Wanderers, by a desperate play, regained the lead in eleven minutes and when it was resumed Ross, Smaille, and Hern were standing aside, talking to spectators. Lalonde, who drew the puck on the face saw the opening and oo a lift from centre he put the puck into the unguarded goal making the score 4 to 4. This lost to Manager Lee, of the Maple Leafs, the bet he made with Manager Milne, of Toronto, $200 to $200, that the Wanderers would double the score. The slow ice had a tendency to roughen the play. In the second half eighteen penalties, the record for a season, were inflicted, Young was on seven times of the total of seventeen minutes. The Wanderers who were badly battered from their cup games during the week, left tonight for a tour of the States. Ross, Smaille and Blatchford are badly used up.

American Fleet Will Circle the Globe

San Diego, Cal., March 14.— News that the American battleship fleet is to undertake a tour of the world with in two months after its arrival at San Francisco, on May 5, was flashed by wireless telegraphy to the battleships of Admiral Evans' command at Magdgiena Bay late to-night by the government station at Point Loma.

There is every reason to believe that it was received on board the vessels by officers and crews alike with the greatest degree of satisfaction.

Washington, March 14.—Secretary of the Navy Metcalfe explained the future movements of the fleet after a cabinet meeting to-day. It will leave San Francisco on July 6th "for our Pacific possessions," as Mr. Metcalf styled it. The vessels will first touch Hawaii, for coal- After that they will go to Samoa, thence to Australia, where they will stop at Melbourne and Sydney. Leaving Australia the vessels are to go to Manila and while in the Philippines the annual fall target practice will be held. The return will be made to the United States by way of the Suez, stopping only at such ports as are necessary for coaling purposes. The date of their return to the United States is dependent entirely upon the amount of time required for the target practice in the Philippines.

The visit of the battleships to Puget Sound will be made some time between the conclusion of the grand review at San Francisto, May 9. Secretary Metcalf says the battleships will remain in San Francisco bay until May 22, durigg which time they would fill their bunkers with coal.

According to the present plan the entire fleet will go up to PugetSound and some of the ships may be sent to Vancouver,all returniog to San Francisco, however, before departure for home. Admiral Evans will retire in August by operation of law. Secretary Metcalf said no decision had been arrived at as to wao will succeed him in command of the fleet on its voyage homeward.

London, March 14.—The announcement that the American battleship fleet will return from the Pacific to the Atlantic by way of tae Sues canal has created the greatest interest among naval officers here, who are anxious to see the American vessels and observe the effect of the long cruise up on them. The news of tae cruise homeward was received too fate to get an official opinion, but a prominent naval officer has suggested that the government should send an invitation to the battleships to come to England, or if that should be impossible for them to make an official call at some British port en route home. Should the Americans fail to come to England, Malta would be the better place to entertain them, as besides being the headquarters for the Mediterranean fleet, the Duke of Connaught, the new commander-in-chief of the military forces of the Mediterranean, has a residence there, which makes it the center of much social activity. The cruise of the battleships from Hampton Roads to Magdalena bay has been closely followed by Englishmen, who laud the achievement, and the visit by them to some British port would prove extremely popular.

MOURNING STAMPS

London, March 14.—Postmaster-General Buxton intends to make a small issue of stamps with mourning borders as a feeler. If they don't take with the people in mourning they will be me valuable to stamp collectors.

Convicts Make Sensational Escape

One Re-captured, The Other Shot By Pursuers

Bismark, N. D., March 14. — Joe Bassenalla, sentenced to penitentiary for life, made his escape at 7-30 this morning by way of a tunnel out of the building and under the surrounding walls dug by him from the carpenter shop. Alfred Woolen, another dangerous criminal, escaped with him The two men had been employed for some time in the prison carpenter shop and were quiet orderly. They started work at seven and in about twenty minutes were missed by the guard. In the search a tunnel was discovered, leading from the shop under the outer walls of the prison to freedom.

Bismark, N. D., March 15.—Joseph Bassenalla, an escaped murderer from the penitentiary, was shot and killed yesterday afternoon in a pistol duel with Sheriff John A. Beck, and a farmer named Phister. His companion, Woolen, was also captured late Saturday afternoon, fifteen miles west of Mandan, having no arms to put up a fight. Bassenalla's end came after a lively chase of three to four miles, he being on horse back and the officer in a buggy. Some sixty miles from Bismark, near Missouri River, Bassenalla abandoned the horse and ran down a steep bank, firing eight shots at the officer without effect, gaining shelter in a small timber. The searchers hunted for two hours before locating him. He was summoned to surrender, but answered with a shot from a small target pistol which he had stolen from a farmer's shack early in the day. The pursuers closed in and when about a hundred feet away the desperado fired again, saying he would die before he would surrender. Thereupon the officers returned fire with automatic pistols and a Winchester, Bassenalla falling shot through the head. Woolen was captured by the prison guards near the N.P. tracks after an all day chase and returned to the penitentiary immediately. This ends one of the most sensational man hunts on the entire Missouri slope and half the men in the country were armed and watching. An investigation showed that a tunnel, eighteen inches in diameter and 44 feet long had been driven under the carpenter shop, the dirt removed being spread under the floor, which is two feet above the ground level. So nicely was the tunnel guaged that they stopped within seven feet of the outer wall. Hints from fellow convicts induce the belief that the men have been working six weeks. Fresh dirt was covered with shavings to conceal their operations.

A Toronto Scandal

Toronto, March 15. — Dr. A. G. Ashton Fletcher, 1215 College Street aged 38, and Harry Saunders, 24 years of age, an electrician, living at 7, Shutter Street, were arrested Saturday night charged with the murder of Jesse Ellen Gould, a pretty twenty year old waitress, recently employed at the Cadillac Hotel. The girl was the daughter of Henry Gould,246 London Street, Peterboro, Ontario, foreman with the Canadian General Electric Co. It is alleged the doctor was employed by the young man to perform a criminal operation on the girl, who was his sweetheart, and the operation was performed by the doctor at his house a week ago, followed by another at a Shutter Street house Monday. The girl was sent to the Western Hospital about noon Tuesday and died shortly after eleven o'clock that night. The following day Dr. Fletcher issued a certificate of death from peritonitis, the father was notified and the body shipped to Peterboro by the undertaken. The remains will be exhumed. Saunders says Fletcher was the Gould family physician and because Saunders was out of work he agreed to perform the operation for $20.

Dr. Fletcher denies that there was an operation. The Crown Attorney Corley hints that other prosecutions are likely. "Offenders in this regard have become so bold that Their practice is an open secret." He said "it would be easy to name a list of these doctors whose practice consists chiefly of this class of work. They do all but advertise as specialists. We have cases out of which arrests will likely follow." It is said that one doctor in town solicits this work by letter.

CHAMBERLAIN WILL RE-ENTER POLITICS.

Nice, March 14.—Joseph Chamberlain, regarding whose health alarming reports have been circulated during the past few days, has made such remarkable gains in health since arriving here, that he is seriously contemplating returning to active political life in view of the signs of collapse in the present Liberal ministry. The return of "Jo" to active politics would ensure the triumph of Tarifi Reform.

Murder and Suicide at Boston Seminary

Boston, March 14. — A murder and suicide at the Laurens School, an exclusive finishing School, for young women, was reported to the police to-day, The dead women are Miss Sarah Chamberlain Weed, of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, and Miss Elizabeth Bailey Hardee, of East Savannah, Ga.

Each were about thirty-five years of age and they had been intimate friends since their graduation from Wellesley College, Miss Hardee receiving her diploma in 1894, while Miss Weed received hers a year later. Miss Hadee was an instructor in mathematics at Wellesley in 1899 and 1900 and later had been teacher in Vermont. Miss Weed had been teaching in various sections of the country.

Last summer the two women decided to open a boarding school for girls on Audubon Road in Fenway. On October 1, the day upon Rhich the Laurens School, as they called it, was opened, Miss Weed broke down as the result of overwork and was taken to a sanitarium in West Newton, where she had since been under treatment for nervous prostration. While at the sanitarium Miss Weed had been subject to severe attacks of melancholia.

Last night she escaped from the sanitarium and made her way to the Laurens School. Miss Hardee volunteered to care for her during the night pending her return to the sanitarium.

Miss Weed behaved in a peculiar manner, according to the teachers, wandering aimlessly about the school building and occasionally making some strange incoherent remarks.

At length Miss Hardee persuaded Miss Weed to retire and the demented woman followed her to her own chamber, on the third floor of the school.

When Miss Page the matron of the school went to Miss Hardee's room this morning to awaken her, she found both women dead in bed. Miss Hardee had been shot through the base of the skull and there was a bullet wound in Miss Weed's right temple. A revolver with two chambers empty was lying on Miss Weed's breast.

Medical Examiner Stedman, after viewing the bodies, is declared that Miss Weed had committed suicide after having killed Miss Hardee.

The pupils at the school, about forty in number, are daughters of wealthy parents from all sections of the country.

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He Liked It

Prince Albert, March 13.—Superintendent Abbott, of the C. N. R., and Roy Bullen, travelling passenger agent of the Chicago railway, were in the city, and were invited to go north with a lumber party, and see real lumber camps. Alex Nattes likes a joke and he had the cook at one of the lumber camps put fricasseed prairie chicken on the menu made from fresh muskrat, received from an Indian trapper. The Prince Albert crowd were wise. They knew the difference between muskrat and prairie chicken; Supt. Abbott didn't but he knew A. L. Nattes and refrained, but Roy Bullen considered such a splendid opportunity to eat prairie chicken should not be over looked, and waded in. Roy declared that the fricassed chicken was splendid, but ever since he ate it life has been miserable for him.

THE WEATHER.

Winnipeg, March 10.

	High. temp.	Low. temp.	
Edmonton	2	—4	fair
Calgary	2	—2	fair
Lethbridge	45	5	snow
Medicine Hat	34	5	cloudy
Battleford	4	—4	fair
Prince Albert ...	6	—6	snow
Swift Current ...	10	4	snow
Regina	10	0	cloudy
Regina	10	4	cloudy
Minnedosa	14	—12	cloudy
Winnipeg	8	—20	cloudy
Port Arthur	26	6	cloudy

Snow falls have occurred in Alberta and Saskatchewan and the weather has been very cold in all the prairie provinces, below zero temperatures being recorded in nearly all districts. The lowest temperature reading —20 below at Winnipeg.

Forecast:—Continued very cold in all districts, Snow falls in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Japanese Squadron On Secret Service

Hong Kong, March 14. — Information has been received here from Formosa that the first Japanese squadron will sail to-day on secret service. The cruisers Yakoma, Akitsushima and Asama and a flotilla of smaller vessels have been coaled ready to sail at a minute's notice since March 7. The Tatsu affair has caused a sensation in the navy and some action in this department is surmised.

Mounted Police In Accident

Medicine Hat, March 14.—Corporal Humbyi of the R.N.W.M.P., was taken to the hospital last night suffering from internal injuries received in a runaway accident, which occurred late in the afternoon at Dunmore Junction. The front wheel of the buckboard dropped into a rut, and threw him out on the whipple trees, where he hung for some time, but finally dropped off and both wheels passed over his abdomen. The exact nature of his injuries cannot be ascertained for a day or two.

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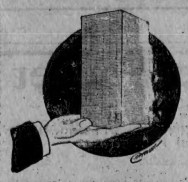
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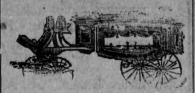
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Chronicle Literary Columns

The following story entitled "The Re-generation of Dinky Davis" is from the pen of Campbell MacCulloch.

So ye're here again, are ye?" remarked "Battery Dan" Grogan as he took his seat in the court-room one December morning, "What's th' charge this time? Have ye bin beatin' ye'r shrew av a sister? If ye nave I'll adjourn coort for ten minutes an take ye outside into th' yarrd to give ye 'th' handsomest trimmin' ever a man took. Speak up, now."

"The charge is drunk and disorderly and resisting an officer in the discharge of his duty," murmured the clerk to the magistrate. "Charges preferred by Officers McCready, Curtiss, Matthews, Flanagan, Brady, and O'Brien."

"Did it take th' whole po-lis force to get ye here?" asked the magistrate. "Have ye overlooked anny one? Did ye have time to telephone th' commissioner ye were out for a time? He might have wanted to get in on't."

"It's all crooked, yer honor," said the apparition at the bar. "Crooked as them cops is. They jobbed me, and if I'd had a fair shake I could have trimmed th' lot of them," and the bandaged head wagged vindictively in the direction of the six stalwart policemen who stood near the rail.

"Battery Dan" looked at the six and then back at the prisoner. There were signs of amusement on his face as he said:

"Th' last time ye were here I said I'd give ye six months on th' Island It's on th' tip of me tongue to pass sentegce, so ye'd better be handy with yer excuse. Come, speak up, Tim Davis, an' let's have th' worst of it over with."

Magistrate, "Battery Dan" Grogan was a figure in the city. Twenty years or more had he officiated at the police-bench in the various courts of the metropolis, and many a time might he have been moved up to Special or General Sessions, with an advantageous increase in salary, but ge had

"I'll stay here with them as know always refused.

me," he had said on each occasion. "I'll tell them how to vote, and they ah' handy. What would I be doin' up yask ym ot wod I'll ,yaw a ni sessi in th' Criminal Coorts, an' ridin' to and back in one of them elevators that has never done an honest day's worrk since 'twas put in?"

Small-faced, red-nosed, keen-eyed and with white curly hair; short, spare, and wiry as a cat; dressed with carelessness, and yet neat; honest, kindly, and sparp of tongue, "Battery Dan" had earned his name because he had started life down at the water-side where he had first come ashore, and had peddled odds and ends for years until he had found his vocation in life; practical politics with a humanitarian side-line that qad cinched him enduringly in power.

Not a child but kbew the bent figure as he walked daily to his court not a woman but knew he was a tower of strength in any emergency; not a brutal bully but knew he would get short shift when he faced "Mister Grogan;" not a crooked policeman with a grudge to satisfy, but knew those keen eyes would see through him and his spite.

And of the man who stood before him that December morning? Timothy Davis, known to the pplice and his intimates as "Dinky" Davis, had a police-record of petty crimes and misdemeanors as long as his arm, had they been shorthand written. Hounded continually by the men of the law, he had established an undying feud with them. It was his boast that never a new policeman that went on post in his neighborhood but de had licked; and he had a standing offer that no two of them could drag him to the stationhouse at any time, under any conditions and that given a fair show, he would take on three and make them sorry they had undertaken the contract.

Brawny as an ox, thick-necked, dull-eyed, muscled like a giant, he stood over six feet in his stockings and bore a shock of dull red hair that marked him like a lighthouse out at sea. Dock-laborer at first, he had gradually drifted into the grip of the corner-saloon, and from thence to the post of bouncer for a tough concert-hall. Even the vile alcohol retailed there had so far had no effect upon his iron constitution. He was unmarried, but possessed a small virago of a sister who ill-used him to a degree that was wonderful to behold. Whence it may be gathered that Magistrate Grogan's polite inquiry touching the lady, and the threat which accompanied it, were but airy persiflage.

His head swathed in bandages and reeking of iodoform, Davis leaned his hands on the bar before him and stared with the one uncovered eye at "Battery Dan." The magistrate stared as intently at him, and beneath that single orb's discolored surface he seemed to see something that prompted further inquiry.

"Come now, out with it," he said and leaned back in his big chair.

"Me sister's left me," he began.

"You're in luck, from all I hear tell," observed the magistrate.

"She blew wit' 'Banty' Morrison night before last," went on Davis.

"'Tis a pity she didn't do it before. Did she take th' stove-liter with her?" inquired "Battery Dan" facetiously.

"Her an' Banty's gone for Chicago, an' I was hittin' up th' booze an' congratulatin' meself that I'd never have tuh stand fer her yawps agin when that fresh lobster there," indicating Patrolman O'Brien, "come around th' corner to where I stood on th' stoop of th' dance-hall an' took a poke at me."

"Wat ye lookin' fer suicide?" inquired Grogan of the policeman. "It seems to me ye're new in this distric' Go on, Davis, tell me th' rest of th' assassination," he continued, turning back to the prisoner.

"While I was considerin' whether it 'nd be worth while to bust his head in," said Davis, "th' rest of them come sneakin' over from Heunessy's and we took holds."

"'Tis evident ye held no peace-conference. An' they sent ye to th' hospital! What were ye doin: th' while?"

"There's four uv them has got new uniforms, and th' big wan that's hisin' his behind th' plaster is th' cause uv me bein' here."

"And how's that?"

"Bein' afraid tuh work wit' his hands, th'cur welted me wit'his club," replied Davis in disgust.

"A breach of professional ethics, 'tis plain," said "Battery Dan," philosophically. "I'm goin' to fine ye two dollars an' pay th' fine meself, Tim," he continued, "for I know ye haven't got a cent, but it's on condition that ye come around to me place this evi enin' when I'll tell ye what I'd have ye do."

The six policemen looned at one another, and then at the magistrate. Was there to be no credit in this for them? Were their feelings to be trampled on by a reprobate like this "Dinky" Davis? One or two looced as if there might be areckoning later, when, in the shade of a dark alley, they might meet Mr. Davis and play a lively tune upon him with a night-stick, but Magistrate Grogan knew all these things, and mentioned his knowledge.

"Ye'll leave this man alone for a bit," he said to the m. "An' let ye: don't try to get square in th' way ye're thinkin'. Now git out, all of ye. Call th' next case."

The prisoner stepped down from the raised platform on which he stood and limped over to the iron gate at which was a corpulent policeman, who, at a nod from the sergeant on duty in the court-room, unlatched the door and let Davis out. "Dinky" wandered up through the aisle, distributing shamefaced glances to the right and left, and out upon the street. There he took one hasty glance about him and hurried over to the saloon on the corner. Stepping quickly to the bar he asked for the bottle he particularly favored when unexpected circumstances called him thus far afield, and having consumed his bracer, set forth again upon the street.

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